



THE TENT

Congregation Beth Jacob's Monthly Newsletter
August, 2026



CBJ Calendar of Upcoming Events:

August 6, 12:30 pm: Sisterhood potluck lunch at the home of Robin Gersten. The address will be provided to everyone who sends an RSVP. See the article for details.

August 7, 7:00 pm: Erev Shabbat Service conducted by Rachmiel at Christ Church (Hybrid)

August 10, 7:00 pm: Sisterhood meeting (Zoom)

August 14, 7:00 pm, Erev Shabbat Service (Rosh Hodesh Elul) conducted by Seth Teles (by Zoom only)

August 21, Erev Shabbat Elul Service, preceded by a traditional chicken potluck supper, at Christ Church (hybrid) [Sign up for the potluck supper.HERE.](#)

6:00 pm traditional Shabbat dinner

7:00 pm service

The Oneg is being hosted by Lucas and Kaitlin Woods, in honor of Max becoming a Bar Mitzvah

August 22, 10:15 am: Shabbat Morning Service at Christ Church when Max Woods becomes a Bar Mitzvah

The Kiddush is being hosted by Lucas and Kaitlin Woods

August 28, Shabbat at the Pool Outdoor Service at the Engels' home (hybrid)

5:00 pm - Meeting with Beit Sefer Parents

6:00 pm - BBQ dinner ([Sign up HERE.](#))

7:00 pm - Service

If you are attending by Zoom, [Click HERE for the Outdoor Service Prayer Book](#)

August 29, 2:00 pm: ADA - My Mother the Architect in the Fehlow's Room in the Plymouth Public Library. See the article for details.

PLEASE NOTE: We love it when you attend our in-person services and events, but if you are feeling ill, please consider attending by Zoom to protect the health and wellbeing of your fellow congregants.

[To see the complete CBJ Calendar on our website, click here.](#)

WE'RE BUILDING OUR FUTURE *Together* ♥

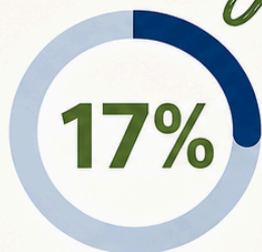


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FOR FUTURE
GENERATIONS.

*To secure a new
home in Plymouth.*



OF OUR CONGREGATIONAL
FAMILIES HAVE EITHER
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WE NEED **100%** PARTICIPATION.
Every family. Every gift. Every commitment.

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Box 3284
Plymouth, MA 02360



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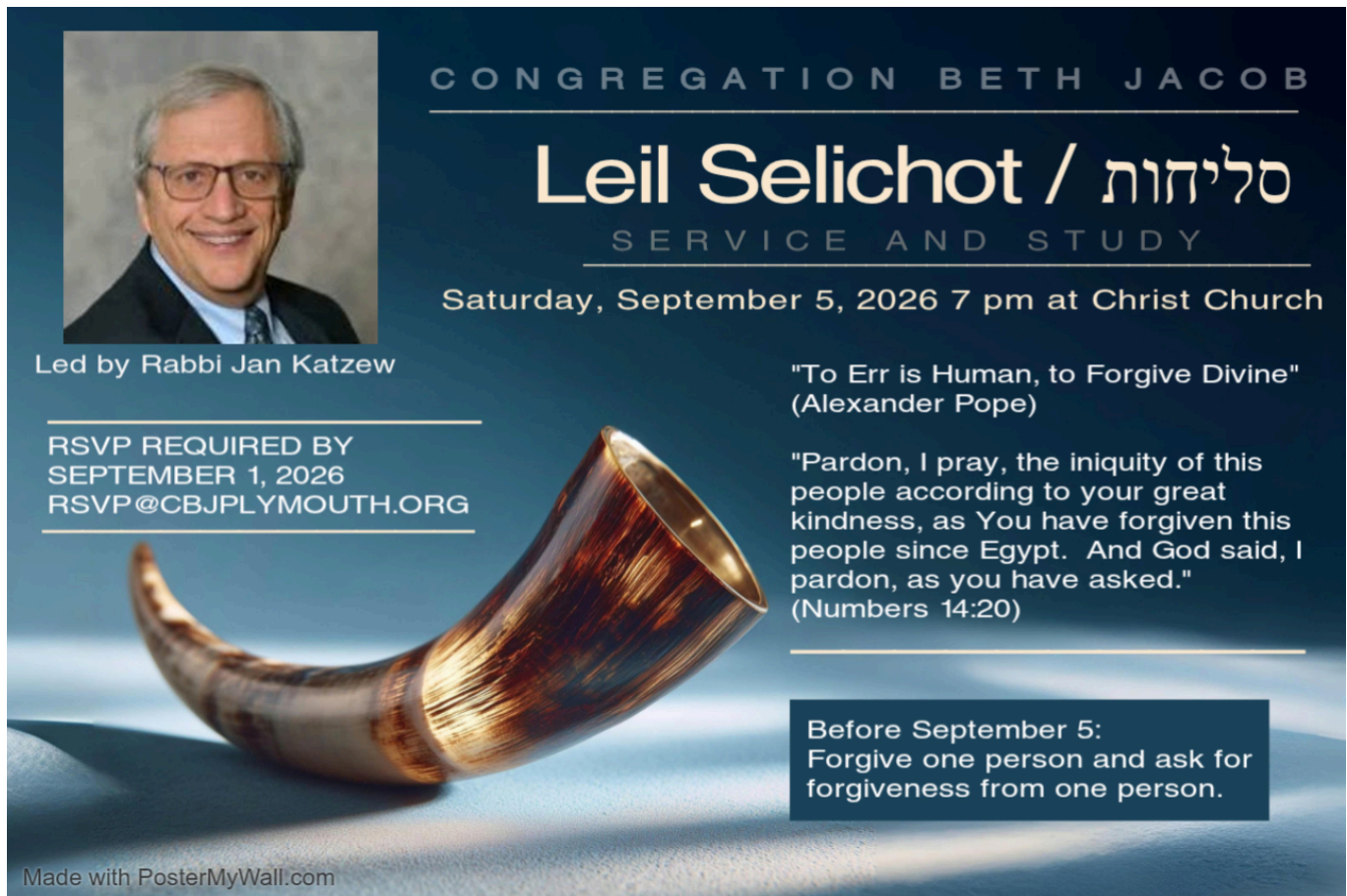
DON'T WAIT. ♥ BE PART OF OUR
FUTURE TODAY.



If you have questions or would like to meet to discuss
how you can contribute, contact
president@cbjplymouth.org

Thank you ♥
for your support and commitment
to our future.

It's Time To Start Thinking About the High Holy Days!



CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

Leil Selichot / סליחות

SERVICE AND STUDY

Saturday, September 5, 2026 7 pm at Christ Church

Led by Rabbi Jan Katzew

RSVP REQUIRED BY
SEPTEMBER 1, 2026
RSVP@CBJPLYMOUTH.ORG

"To Err is Human, to Forgive Divine"
(Alexander Pope)

"Pardon, I pray, the iniquity of this people according to your great kindness, as You have forgiven this people since Egypt. And God said, I pardon, as you have asked."
(Numbers 14:20)

Before September 5:
Forgive one person and ask for forgiveness from one person.

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Rabbi Katzew, PhD served as the Director of Lifelong Jewish Learning at the Union for Reform Judaism and as an Associate Professor of Education and Jewish Thought at Hebrew Union College. He is a teacher and leader in Reform Jewish education and a mentor to countless Jewish professionals. Since its inception in 2008, Jan has been a senior consultant to the iCenter for Israel Education. Jan is the author of popular and scholarly articles in multiple fields that include Interfaith dialogue, Mussar, Medieval Hebrew Poetry, Israel Education, Moral Development, and educational philosophy and practice. This past year The Association of Reform Jewish Educators announced the creation of the Rabbi Jan D. Katzew Mentorship Program, celebrating an educator whose vision, wisdom, and generosity have shaped generations of Reform Jewish educators.

Do not miss the opportunity to learn from one of Reform Judaism's greatest teachers!

SOME OF THE QUESTIONS WE WILL BE STUDYING:

1. Why is forgiveness a divine quality that humans can imitate?
2. How can forgiving others and ourselves for errors prepare us for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?
3. Forgiving is different from forgetting. Comment.
4. Before September 5, 2026 Forgive one person and ask for forgiveness from one person.

SELICHOT
@ Christ
Church

7:00 PM

5 SEP

**EREV ROSH
HASHANA**
@ Spire

7:00 PM

11 SEP

**ADULT &
YOUTH ROSH
HASHANA**
@ Spire

10:00 AM

12 SEP

**2ND DAY ROSH
HASHANA**
@ Wind in the
Pines Camp

10:00 AM

13 SEP

**TASHLICH &
COOKOUT**
@Wind in the
Pines Camp

12:00 PM

13 SEP

Congregation Beth Jacob
HIGH HOLY DAY

SCHEDULE

**Please note location
of each event!**

**20
26**



**SHABBAT
SHUVA
SERVICE &
TORAH STUDY**
@ Main Library

10:00 AM

19 SEP

**MEMORIAL
SERVICE**
@ Vine Hills
Cemetery

10:00 AM

20 SEP

**KOL
NIDRE**
@ Spire

7:00 PM

20 SEP

**YOM
KIPPUR
ADULT &
YOUTH**
@ Spire

10:00 AM

21 SEP

**AFTERNOON
SERVICE**
@ Spire

3:00 PM

21 SEP

**YIZKOR AND
NE'LAH**
@ Spire

4:30 PM

21 SEP

**SUKKOT
DINNER &
SERVICE**
@ Farm

5:00 PM

25 SEP

**SIMCHAT
TORAH DINNR
& SERVICE**
@ Christ Church

**6:00 dinner
7:00 service**

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Congregation Beth Jacob invites you to

2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH



FAMILY SERVICES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

At Wind In the Pines Girls Scout Camp

190 West Long Pond Road (near the Pinehills)

10 AM
SERVICE

in the Education Center.



12 PM
TASHLICH

At their lake

FOLLOWED BY A COMMUNITY COOKOUT

Join us for this relaxed, intimate, family friendly
service in a beautiful setting!.



SAVE THE
DATE!



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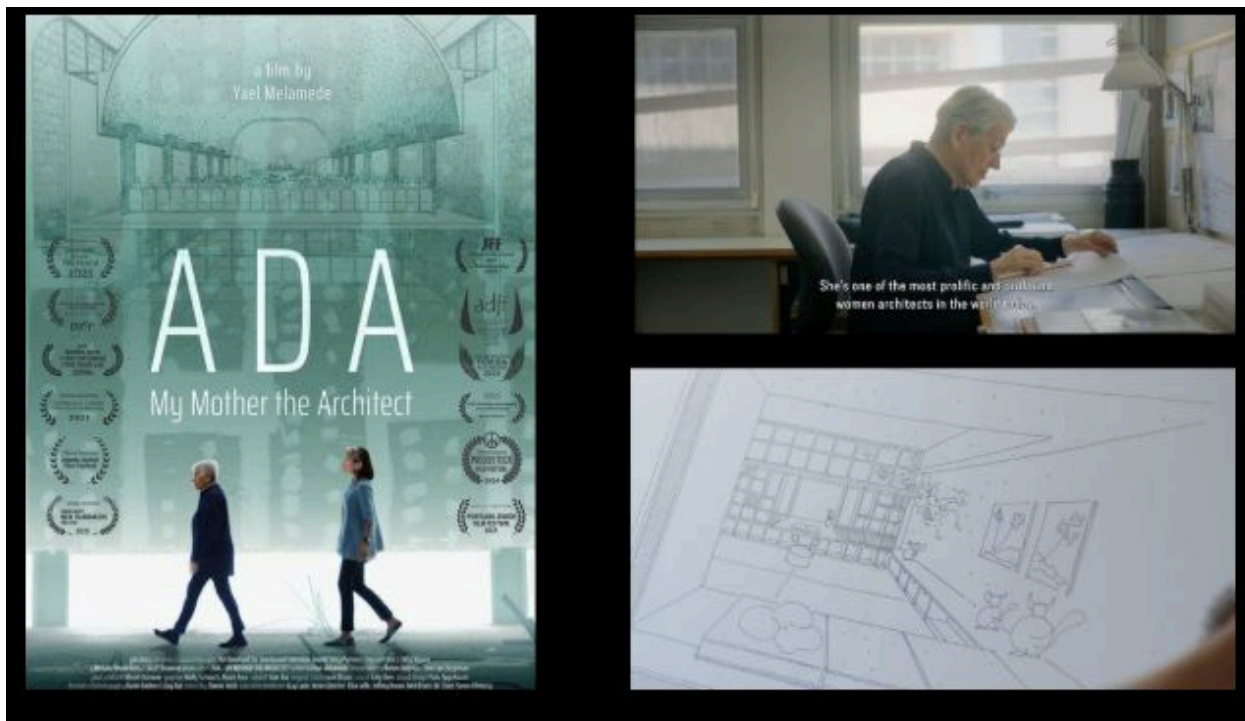


REFLECTIONS FROM THE RABBI

Five years ago this week, on July 31st, 2021, Rabbi Silverman officially retired after a tenure of forty-four years as the rabbi of Congregation Beth Jacob, and I proudly became your next rabbi. As I shared in my interview process, I wanted to serve a congregation that was warm and welcoming to all who identified with Judaism. I envisioned working with you to create a congregational home that would be accepting of the interfaith family, and any individual, couple, or family that did not fit into what was once called the “traditional Jewish family. I also shared that it was important to me that the synagogue be a place where everyone’s voice would not only be heard, but also listened to.

As we reach this half decade of my rabbinate at Congregation Beth Jacob, I am astounded by how much we have accomplished. We have grown from just over fifty families to around the 100-family mark. We have sold our historic home which no longer met our needs and have embarked on a building campaign to construct a new building with not only a parking lot, but one that will be fully accessible to all. We have engaged the services once a month of Rachmiel, a talented and charismatic guitar-playing cantorial soloist, who leads us in the contemporary tunes of the Reform movement. We have truly been blessed by his voice and enthusiasm. As I look back, in addition to embarking on establishing a new physical home, we have also reached the other major goals I set as I began: 1) to be included in CJP (Combined Jewish philanthropies of Boston’s) catchment area, 2) to obtain our 501c3 tax- exempt status, and 3) to revitalize our school and especially our teen program. In fact, for the current year, we are recipients of a \$9000 grant from CJP for teen programming, and I am so excited to expand our post-B’nai Mitzvah programming even more.

But growth does not come without growing pains and as I begin my sixth year at Congregation Beth Jacob, we are still striving to balance our budget, to increase our membership, and to raise the funds needed for our new home. As we prepare for another High Holy Day Season, I want to personally express my heartfelt thanks to our current visionary leaders, co-presidents Dianne Bluestein and Devon Fernald, who have and continue to give countless hours of their time to secure a brighter future for CBJ. I would also like to express my thanks to all of you who volunteer whenever needed and give of yourselves to ensure a strong and vibrant Congregation Beth Jacob. Additionally, I would like to thank those of you who have already given generously to our building campaign. Our congregational goal is to have 100% participation by our membership at whatever giving level is comfortable for you. By contributing to our campaign, you are showing your commitment to the congregation and are giving our leadership the necessary means to ensure our financial health. Each of us has a responsibility for the health and growth of this *Kehillah Kedoshah*, this holy community. This is a gift that we can share with each other and bestow upon our children and the future generations of Jewish Plymouth. As we enter the next half decade, let us strive to reach 150 member units in the coming five years. Please help Congregation Beth Jacob reach this goal by telling your friends and neighbors about our congregation. And, as we prepare to break ground for our new building, and usher in the Jewish New Year 5787, let us make this coming year, a year of celebration. Here’s to our future...it’s bright; so much so you may want to put on your sunglasses! Or as we say when we conclude the reading of a book of Torah: *Chazak, chazak, and nitchazek*- May we go from strength to strength and may we strengthen one another.



ADA - My Mother the Architect
Saturday, August 29, at 2 pm
In the Fehlows Room at the Plymouth Public Library

Ada Karmi Melamede is one of the most accomplished architects in the world, but very little is known about her outside her home country of Israel. ADA — MY MOTHER THE ARCHITECT is a deeply moving portrait of an extraordinary woman directed by her daughter, filmmaker and former architect Yael Melamede. Ada is a true pioneer who, like many successful working mothers of her time, was forced to make impossible choices. Despite personal sacrifices, Ada's work gave physical form to some of Israel's most important civic institutions, most notably in the acclaimed Supreme Court building in Jerusalem, the Open University, Ben Gurion University, and the Institute for Democracy, to name a few. ADA explores the impossible tensions between professional ambition and private life and the ongoing challenge of holding onto ideals in a country increasingly drifting away from them.

Details about movie are

BEST CINEMATOGRAPHY - Jerusalem Film Festival | OFFICIAL SELECTIONS - Woodstock Film Festival, Czech Film and Architecture Festival, Berkshire International Film Festival, Florida Film Festival, New York Jewish Film Festival, Architecture and Design Film Festival
 Architecture • Family • Motherhood • Home • Civics • Jewish Studies • Democracy

Date of Completion: 2024 | Run Time: 81 minutes | Languages: English, Hebrew with English Subtitles | Captions: Yes | Includes: Transcript | Director: Yael Melamede | Producers: Yael Melamede & Hilla Medalia | Executive Producers: Simon Kilmurry, Elise Jaffe & Jeffrey Brown | Editor: Sharon Yaish



**Hadassah Plymouth will be screening the film
Labors of Love
on Thursday, September 17th, 10am-12:15pm
at Pinehills Cabana**

This captivating film unveils the remarkable and often overlooked story of Henrietta Szold, a true pioneer of her time. This event promises not just a film, but a journey into the life of a woman whose dedication and passion changed lives and shaped history. Join us for an inspiring morning filled with laughter, insight, and the kind of motivation that propels you to make a difference in your own world.

Henrietta Szold was a Jewish American humanitarian whose legacy includes advocating for binational cooperation between Israelis and Palestinians. Born in 1860 in Baltimore, Szold was an avid student who assisted Jewish immigrants and established English-language night schools. A visit to Palestine in 1909, following a personal heartbreak, sparked her most lasting contributions: founding Hadassah to empower Jewish American women and provide aid to the region. Then, as the Nazis rose to power in Europe, Szold launched initiatives that saved the lives of thousands of Jewish children. Director Abby Ginzberg, granddaughter of Szold's unrequited love, Louis Ginzberg, grew up hearing stories of Szold's impact. In **Labors of Love**, she honors Szold's legacy and brings her story to life as a touching historical portrait as well as a roadmap for confronting the continued challenges of our time with compassion.

—review written by Karina Curry

To watch a trailer for this film, click on the link below:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OB_Jj7xhGWw

Bring your friends, your enthusiasm, and an open heart as we celebrate the legacy of an extraordinary figure who reminds us all that love and commitment can indeed change the world! RSVP to

myragl@comcast.net.

A \$18 donation to Hadassah is appreciated.

It's Summertime!
Join Us for Our Casual Outdoor Erev Shabbat Services!
BBQ Potluck Supper at the Pool
August 28th at the Home of Kate and Brad Engel!

The Schedule:
Beit Sefer Parents' Meeting at 5:00 pm
Potluck BBQ at 6:00 pm
Service at 7:00 pm



Brad and Kate are providing hot dogs, hamburgers, veggie burgers, rolls and condiments.

SIGN UP HERE FOR THE BBQ POTLUCK SUPPER!

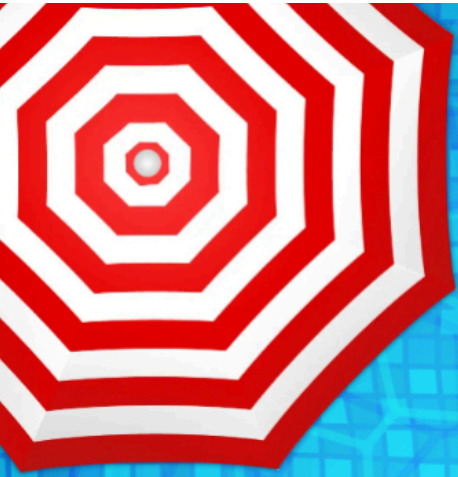
[Sign up HERE to provide side dishes \(potato salad, cole slaw, salads, baked beans, soft drinks, fruit, cookies/brownies\)](#)

(This is a meat or parve meal - no dairy please!)

THE OUTDOOR SHABBAT SERVICE PRAYER BOOK FOR ANYONE ATTENDING BY ZOOM

The Shabbat service will begin at 7:00. [Click here for the Outdoor Shabbat service prayer book.](#)

You are welcome to swim in the pool before dinner if you would like. (Bring your own towel.)



CONGREGATION BETH JACOB

*4th Annual
Shabbat in a*



FRIDAY AUGUST 28TH

BEIT SEFER PARENT MEETING @ 5 PM

COOKOUT DINNER @ 6 PM

SERVICE AT 7 PM

AT THE HOME OF THE ENGEL FAMILY:

8 CLIFF STREET, PLYMOUTH

RSVP FOR THE DINNER BY 8/23

RSVP@CBJPLYMOUTH.ORG



A Bit of Jewish Humor

The Million-Dollar Question for God

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to God to ask, “God, what is a million years to you?”

God replies, “My son, a million years to you is like a second to me.”

The man asks, “God, what is a million dollars to you?”

God replies, “My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me.”

The man asks, “So God, can I have a million dollars?”

And God replies, “In a second.”



You are Invited to the URJ RAC-MA Postcard Project Kickoff in Support of the Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts Campaign!

Wednesday, August 12

7:00 – 8:00 PM

[Zoom](#)

Please join us to hear more about what members of URJ Reform congregations – working together as RAC-MA – are doing to pass a ballot measure that will protect the Commonwealth’s most sweeping update of gun safety laws and policies in a decade.

At this meeting, we’ll talk more about what’s happening, why this effort is so important, and things you and others in your congregation can do together to keep this critical Massachusetts law on the books!

Do you care about gun safety laws in Massachusetts, but are wondering if this event is for you?

- Whether you have your legislators on speed dial, have never done advocacy work before, or are anywhere in between...we hope you'll attend.
- Whether you are already deeply involved with this issue, didn't even realize it was on the ballot this fall, or are anywhere in between...we hope you'll attend.
- Whether you are actively engaged with your synagogue, just starting to wonder how you might get more connected, or are anywhere in between...we hope you'll attend.

You can register for the URJ RAC-MA program [here](#) and read more about the 2024 law and the VOTE YES campaign [here](#).

If you have questions, would like more information, or want to connect with your congregation's RAC-MA liaison directly, please contact Julia Kupferman at jkupferman@rac.org.

If the above information tells you everything you need to know, feel free to stop reading here. If you would like to read more about this issue, RAC-MA, or the reasons why we are spending time defending a law that passed with overwhelming support, please read on...

The What: November Ballot Measure

In 2024, the Massachusetts legislature approved a sweeping bill updating and improving the Commonwealth's gun safety laws. The measure passed with overwhelming support in both the House and the Senate.

After the law was approved, opponents from inside and outside Massachusetts moved quickly to challenge it, collecting enough signatures to force a statewide ballot measure that would completely overturn the law. This ballot measure will be before voters in this November's election.

Please check out [Vote Yes for a Safe Massachusetts](#) for more details about the law that passed two years ago and the current campaign to defend it.

The Who: URJ & RAC-MA

A project of the Union for Reform Judaism's (URJ) [Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism](#), [RAC-MA](#) provides a way for members of Reform congregations across Massachusetts to work together to build a more just (and in this case, safer!) Commonwealth for all of our residents. Firmly rooted in Jewish values and guided by resolutions passed at the URJ's biennial conventions, RAC-MA creates ways that members of our 39 Reform congregations can together represent the voice and conscience of our movement.

The Why: Visibility Matters

If you are wondering why we need to work so hard on this issue if the measure passed with overwhelming support and so many Massachusetts voters seem motivated to turn out in November anyway, that's a great question.

Increasing the visibility of the measure will help ensure that voters know that it's important to complete the ballot measure section after checking the boxes for their preferred candidates. We also want to be sure that voters clearly understand that a YES vote affirms the 2024 law. We will be working this summer and fall to raise the visibility of this measure so that voters remember to look for it on their ballot and know to vote yes to protect the 2024 Massachusetts gun safety law.

Julia Kupferman
RAC-MA Organizer

MEMBERSHIP NEWS



If you would like to learn more about CBJ and are interested in becoming part of our Jewish community, please contact our Membership Chair, Barbara Aharoni, at ahabubs@gmail.com. [Click here for a link to CBJ's Application Form.](#)



Study the Weekly Torah Portion from a Mussar Approach with Rabbi Mills
Thursdays, from 7:00-8:00 pm (by Zoom)
You Are Welcome to Join at Any Time!

On Thursday evenings, Rabbi Mills has been leading a Torah study class that approaches each weekly Torah portion using the Jewish spiritual practice of Mussar, which focuses on personal ethical and spiritual growth, aims to cultivate virtues and improve one's character. It emphasizes self-reflection and mindful actions to align one's behavior with core Jewish values. The practice involves identifying areas for improvement (middot or soul traits) and developing a daily routine that includes a mantra, mindful action, and journaling.

The class is interactive, with participants encouraged to share their experiences and insights with each other. Strong bonds of friendship have developed since the class started in early January, as we have met each week and learned more about each other. And perhaps that is one of the most important teachings – discovering the importance of knowing and caring about others in our Jewish family and our community at large.

Recommended Text: The class is using Rabbi Barry Block's text: The Mussar Torah commentary which you can read more about and order using this link::

https://www.ccarpress.org/shopping_product_detail.asp?pid=50475

All individuals taking the class should consider purchasing this book since it will help you to follow along, **It is also available on Amazon.** Search for **The Mussar Torah Commentary: A Spiritual Path to Living a Meaningful and Ethical Life** by Rabbi Barry H. Block. The Kindle edition costs \$9.99.

To read more about this class and about Mussar, click below.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1HVabTIdM6A1VL8GOqr4CmMIDVqAxNTdn/view?usp=sharing>

Pre-registration is not required. Each week's class is self-contained, so there is no need to commit to attend the entire course. You may attend whenever it is convenient.

The Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83422046402?pwd=NGWoLRbY7vz9FntslwWhbzU7XCn9J6.1>

Meeting ID: 834 2204 6402

Passcode: 208323



Our Capital Campaign is off and running! We ask every CBJ family to contribute as much as you comfortably can to transform our vision for a new synagogue building into a reality. Small donations are just as important as larger ones, since large corporate donors analyze the percentage of participation from members before they determine how much they are willing to contribute. Together, we as a community can secure Plymouth's Jewish future and enable CBJ to grow as we continue on our journey to our new home!

You can make pledges and donations online through our web site ([CLICK HERE](#)) or old fashioned checks still work. Please feel free to contact our Co-Presidents, Devon Fernald and Dianne Bluestein, (president@cbjplymouth.org) if you have any questions, would like to discuss the Campaign, or commit to a pledge or donation.

Thank You to All Donors!

Thank you to our congregants and friends of CBJ who have already contributed to our Building Fund or who have pledged to make donations in the future. **Please remember that CBJ is now a certified 501 3(c) non-profit organization, so Qualified Charitable Donations (QCDs) may be made from your IRA Required Minimum Distributions.**

So What is Happening with the Construction of our New Building?

Our new temple will be a prefabricated building with external enhancements to transform the pre-fab "box" into a structure that is beautiful and spiritually significant. We have received a quote from one pre-fab builder, and our contractor is getting additional external building quotes from other companies. He is confident that we will realize significant cost savings by going through this process.

In the meantime, we are looking into next steps and are securing Town permits to begin leveling the land. Once that has occurred, the framework for the building will be erected quickly.

Beit Sefer News



Under the leadership of Rabbi Mills, CBJ's Religious School provides a program where students master the skills of Hebrew reading, learn the ritual prayers and songs that are integral to our religious services, learn about Jewish history and the lessons about Jewish values and ethics in the Torah - all taught in a creative way that engages them. Students have become comfortable and familiar with being on the Bimah and leading portions of Shabbat services long before their Bar or Bat Mitzvah ceremonies.

For information about registration for the 2026-2027 school year, please contact Rabbi Mills at cbjplymouthrabbi@gmail.com.

Are You in Your 20's or Early 30's?
Looking for a Social Group to Meet Other Jewish Individuals in the
Plymouth Area?
CBJ Gen Z is For You!



For all those in their 20's and early 30's, CBJ has started a new social group to help meet other Jewish individuals your age in the Plymouth area. Singles and couples are welcome, and significant others need not be Jewish. The first meeting was held on October 21st at 6:15 pm at Tree House Brewing in Sandwich. To be put on the email list of their activities please email Noa Mills at noa.r.mills@gmail.com.



The Essential Prayers and Songs for Our Shabbat Evening Services

To access a document with YouTube videos of the prayers and songs that we sing at our Shabbat evening services, [click here](#).



**PLEASE HELP THE LOCAL PLYMOUTH IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY THROUGH
THE NEW FORMED ACTION WITH NEIGHBORS GROUP
a collaboration of our local houses of worship**

If you have a monetary donation, please make the check out out and mail it to:

Peace Abbey Foundation
8 Town Square
Plymouth, MA 02360

We are collecting-

- Gift cards to Walmart, Market Basket
- Food: Dried white rice, dried black beans, red beans, canned beans, Goya spices, garlic powder, paprika, canola oil, pasta, canned tomato products, bags of onions, garlic, Goya cookies.
- Monetary donations for rent, legal aide, utilities
- Baby products: Diapers- Size 1,4,5 and 6, wipes, baby wash, baby lotion
- Kids/adult Clothing: hats, gloves, winter coats- 2T, 5, 6 (boys and girls), teens (boys and girls), adults (women and men), socks men and women, boys and girls, babies (infant, 4 mos, 6 months to 2T)

Together we CAN do what we cannot do apart.

There's No Harm in Asking....



As we all know, “It takes a village” to make an organization successful. There are many opportunities for congregants to lend their talents to the work that it takes to keep our congregation running smoothly.

Do you enjoy singing? Do you play a musical instrument? A few simple chords played on a guitar or the ethereal sound of a flute can do so much to enhance the beauty of our services. Are you adept with handling computer technology? We need someone in our congregation who is willing to assist with managing Zoom audio and video settings for our Shabbat services and other programs that are being streamed. There are so many different ways that your skills could enhance CBJ!

We are also looking for a person to serve on the CBJ Board as Recording Secretary. This position entails recording the Minutes for the monthly Board meetings, providing a written summary of issues discussed, motions made and decisions voted upon by the Board.

We are also seeking a creative person with journalistic skills to assume responsibility for editing The Weekly Update and our monthly newsletter, The Tent, starting in July, 2027. Training and support will be provided.

Please contact our co-Presidents, Devon Fernald and Dianne Bluestein, if you are able to help.
president@cbjpymouth.org



Please Volunteer to Sponsor an Oneg in 2026!

If you would like to honor a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, etc.) in a very special way, please consider sponsoring an Oneg. A beautiful, welcoming Oneg table of challah, fruit, baked goods, or even ice cream sundaes is a sign of our warm hospitality to our congregants, guests, and prospective members.

When you are a member of our congregation, you are asked to step forward **once a year** to host or sponsor an Oneg Shabbat for the members who attend services in person. Sponsors are asked to contribute \$54.00 to cover the cost for the Oneg. We will purchase the foods for the Oneg table, set up and clean up. [Click here to sign up for a specific date and pay.](#) If you prefer, you may send a check, payable to CBJ Sisterhood, to Cindy Teles at 31 Birch Avenue, Plymouth, MA 02360.

Hosts are expected to purchase or bake the items for the Oneg and be there in person to help to set up and clean up. The choice of food items is up to you. The Oneg can be as elaborate or as simple as you like.

Please contact our Oneg Coordinator, Trish Garland ((trishrgarland@gmail.com)) if you would like to sponsor or host an Oneg. Trish can provide advice about what items are popular, such as fresh fruit, nuts, baked goods (not necessarily homemade), ice cream with toppings, etc. It's a mitzvah!



Thank You to the following families who have volunteered to sponsor or host an Oneg this month:

August 7: Jeff Isaacson, in loving memory of his parents, Esther and Isaac Isaacson

August 21: Lucas and Kaitlyn Woods on the occasion of Max's Bar Mitzvah



Congregation Beth Jacob is grateful for all donations that are received. The following donations were recently received:

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

Phyllis Klasky and Ron Klasky and family in appreciation for Rabbi Mills officiating at their mother's stone setting

Building Fund Donations:

Allan & Judith Sherman - in appreciation to Mark Streifer for his friendship and assistance

Rabbi Sandra & Arnold Bellush

Dr. Gregory & Debra Biancchi

Jack & Nora Luftman

Anne Geller

Allen Newell

Karen McDonagh

Fred & Irene Sarke

Seth & Cindy Teles

Jeffrey Isaacson

Lynn Bryan

Lane & Allison Goldberg

Adam Zirkin - in appreciation for the lending of one of CBJ's Torahs for the Bar Mitzvah of his son, Ronen.

Yahrzeit Remembrances:

Allan & Judith Sherman - in loving memory of Allan's mother, Ruth Putnam Sherman

Gift Card Program:

Jeff Isaacson

General Fund: Rachmiel Klein

Rachmiel Klein's Cantorial Services:

Allan & Judith Sherman



Funding for Rachmiel Klein's Monthly Cantorial Performances

Rachmiel has been a featured songleader at our Shabbat services over the past year, adding a new vibrancy and joy to our worship. His fee is not paid from your dues or from CBJ's General Fund, but is being subsidized by generous donations from a congregant family, together with contributions from the Ray & Milly Russo Fund for Music and the Arts and the Rose Sherman Geller Fund for Jewish Family Life. If you have been enjoying the music of Rachmiel Klein at our services, you may wish to contribute to those funds or make a small monthly donation designated for the funding of Rachmiel's cantorial services.

[Click here for a list of funds where donations may be made.](#)

[Click here to make a donation online.](#)



Mi Sheiberach (Prayers for Healing)

We pray for the Healing and Recovery of the following people, as well as all of those throughout the world who are suffering from violence, war and famine:

Ina Lashin
Joseph Keller
Tracey Gutman
John R. Sore
Susan Basiri
Mary Ellen Dalgren
Maryann Leonard
Sandy Magnes Silverman
Julian Lindquist
Erin Sullivan
Linda Dauber
Susan Penchansky
Callan Crowley
Lynne Matson
Lauren DeFranzo

Nan Noble
Len Kaplan
Marilyn Levine
Chris Davis
Ruth Anne Repking
Meredith Hoffman
Marlene Benjamin
Susan Moore
Trisha Brown
Carolyn Kniffen
Ronnie Hirschhorn
Jeffrey Smith
Rabbi Lawrence Silverman
Richard Olsen

[To hear the beautiful song, Heal Us Now, performed by Hazamir Hasharon, click here.](#)



Yahrzeits That Will be Observed This Month

(A memorial candle should be lit on the preceding evening.)

August

1	Oscar Mokuvos	Sandra Bellush's Father
2	Lillian Gilbert	Don Gilbert's mother
2	Alter Greenspoon	CBJ Founder
2	Morris Stern	Past President
4	Douglas Worthman	Pat Van Tosh's husband
5	Alexander Finkelstein	Frank & Gloria Finkelstein family
5	Ansel Gladstein	Arnold Gladstein brother
5	Joseph Gottman	Rabbi Mills Grandfather
5	Mollie Swartz	Linda Hurwitz' grandmother
6	Harold Samuel Finer	Carl Finer's father
7	Gertrude B. Klasky	Harriette Minsky, Mel Klasky's mother
7	Freda Rebecca Robinson	
8	Julius Cooper	William Righter's grandfather
8	Israel DeZorets	CBJ Founder
9	Albert Finkelstein	Frank&Gloria Finkelstein
9	Adeline Keller	Jackie Winokur and Joe Keller mother
11	Bessie "Billie" Ginsburg	Myra Glansberg's mother
11	Bernice Kalaminsky	Elayne Kalaminsky's mother
11	Benjamin Righter	William Righter's father
12	Milton Geller	Past President; Rose Geller's husband
12	Seymour Kraus	Sandy Spekman's father
12	Phyllis Bell O'Connor	Lucille Arons' sister
13	Barnett Portnoy	Sadie & Manny Arons' aunt
15	Zelda Cohen	Ben Cohen's wife, Michael Cohen's mother
15	Esther Russo	Ray Russo's mother
15	Michael B. Shuman	Marion & Sid Shuman's son
17	Hymen W. Bell	Lucille Arons's father
17	Justin D Goldman	Louis Goldman's father
19	Marion Glansberg	Ken Glansberg's mother
19	Lilyan E. Kabelsky	
20	Charlotte Helen Resnick	
21	Morris Teles	Seth Teles' father
23	Sarah D. Barron	
24	Sylvia Krenis	Judith Sherman's mother
26	Nettie Lipschitz	Rabbi Mills Grandmother
26	Philip Liss	Franny Shelly's father
27	Sarah Katz	Rabbi Mills' cousin
27	Louis Lavine	

27	Annie Shapiro	Mother of former member June Grippen
28	Victor Blass	Vicki Fitzgerald's father
28	Igo William Toabe	Mitchell Toabe's brother
29	Abraham Joseph Brody	
30	Lorraine Mazer	Nate Segal's maternal grandmother
31	Jack Pearce	David Sollar's grandfather
31	Louis Shaffer	

May their memory forever abide as a blessing.

Yahrzeit Donations

[Donations in memory of a loved one may be made here.](#)



Food Bank Donations to Families in Need

The need for food assistance is greater than ever in the Plymouth area, The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) has had no government funding since November of 2024, affecting 41.7 million Americans who depend on SNAP to feed their children and themselves, including our seniors.

Many of our congregants are anxious to respond to this outrage by donating to our CBJ Food Drive. Below are guidelines for what items are needed most urgently. **Please be aware that for donations to SNAP, the focus is on the quality and safety of canned goods rather than just the expiration date. High-acid canned goods (like tomatoes) are best within 18 months past the date, while low-acid foods (like meats and vegetables) can last 2-5 years or more.** [Click HERE for guidelines for what items are needed most urgently.](#)

Please bring non-perishable food items, as well as disposable diapers and personal hygiene items when you attend services in person.

Cash Donations: If you wish to make a monetary donation, you may do so online [using this link](https://www.cbjplymouth.org/donate/donate-now), (<https://www.cbjplymouth.org/donate/donate-now>) or you may send a check to Congregation Beth Jacob, PO Box 3284, Plymouth, MA 02361, Attention: Treasurer. **Be sure to note that this is a donation for the Food Bank.**



**The Next Sisterhood Meeting
Monday, August 10, at 7:00 pm (Zoom)**

Regular Monthly Sisterhood Meetings: are held on the second Monday of each month. Your input is important to us! What sorts of programs would YOU like to participate in during the coming months? Please come to the meeting and share your ideas!

The Zoom link for Sisterhood Meetings:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81885106141?pwd=dHd6LzMzSTRJZ2J6VmM2WIBZenpXZz09>

Meeting ID: 818 8510 6141 Passcode: 579857

**The Next Sisterhood Program
August 6th
Join Us for a Potluck Lunch
At the home of Robin and Gary Gersten!**



Robin has graciously offered to host a summer potluck lunch at her beautiful waterfront home (with a swimming pool) on August 6th! Thank you, Robin!

To avoid having a balanced selection of foods for the potluck lunch (who wants all salads and no desserts, or vice versa?) please sign up and indicate whether you will be bringing a protein, a salad, a side dish (kugel?), fruit, or a beverage (flavored water, or maybe wine? Why not!).

Please respond to Ronnie if you plan to attend, and let her know what you plan to bring to share.
aprocess@aol.com

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[Check out this link to get a partial listing.](#)

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Brotherhood Bowling

The 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the Month at 3:00 pm at Kingston Ten Pins

We bowl 3 strings and pay only the special rate of \$4.50/string. This is a great way to get together with other members of Brotherhood, renew old friendships, and make new ones. You don't have to be good at bowling to participate - all you need is a good sense of humor! Contact Seth Teles at scteles@aol.com or Arnold Gladstein at aralglad@verizon.net and let us know if you would like to join us. Is your spouse or significant other welcome? Of course!

Recipe for Lemon Bars



Prep Time: 10 minutes Cook Time: 40 minutes Total Time: 3 hours, 50 minutes Yield: 24 bars
You only need 7 ingredients to make these lemon bars. The lemon curd filling is extra thick and creamy and sits on an irresistible butter shortbread crust.

Ingredients for the Shortbread Crust

1 cup (16 Tbsp; 226g) unsalted butter, melted
1/2 cup (100g) granulated sugar
2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups + 2 Tablespoons (265g) all-purpose flour (spooned & leveled)

Ingredients for the Lemon Filling

2 cups (400g) granulated sugar
6 Tablespoons (46g) all-purpose flour
6 large eggs
1 cup (240ml) fresh lemon juice (about 4 lemons)
2 teaspoons fresh lemon zest, optional
optional: confectioners' sugar for dusting

Instructions

Preheat the oven to 325°F (163°C). Line the bottom and sides of a 9×13-inch glass baking pan (do not use metal) with parchment paper, leaving an overhang on the sides to lift the finished bars out (makes cutting easier!). Set aside.

Make the crust: Mix the melted butter, sugar, vanilla extract, and salt together in a medium bowl. Add the flour and stir to completely combine. The dough will be thick. Press firmly into the prepared pan, making sure the layer of crust is nice and even. Bake for 20-22 minutes or until the edges are lightly browned. Remove from the oven. Using a fork, poke holes all over the top of the warm crust (not all the way through the crust.. Set aside.

Make the filling: Sift the sugar and flour together in a large bowl. Whisk in the eggs, then the lemon juice and lemon zest (if using) until completely combined. Pour filling over the warm crust. Bake the bars for 22-26 minutes or until the center is relatively set and no longer jiggles. (Give the pan a light tap with an oven mitt to test.) Remove bars from the oven and cool completely at room temperature. Cool them for about 2 hours at room temperature, then put into the refrigerator for 1-2 more hours until pretty chilled. serving chilled.

Once cool, lift the parchment paper out of the pan using the overhang on the sides. Dust with confectioners' sugar and cut into squares before serving. For neat squares, wipe the knife clean between each cut. Cover and store leftover lemon bars in the refrigerator for up to 1 week.